MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: There are 5 grant-in-aid Vaidyasalas in the Pathanamthitta taluk. They are:—

1. Aranmula.
2. Pathanamthitta.
3. Vadaserikara.
4. Perunad and,
5. Mylapra (Visha Vaidyasala) which has been ordered to be shifted to Ranni.

Grant-in-aid Visha Vaidyasala at Ranni.

183. ❊ MR. V. I. IDICULA: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the authorities concerned have received several petitions from the public pointing out the necessity for sanctioning a grant-in-aid Visha Vaidyasala at Ranni?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: Yes; and Government have sanctioned the grant-in-aid Visha Vaidyasala at Mylapra being shifted to Ranni.

Acquisition of a site for a municipal park.

184. ❊ MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when was it that the Vaikom Municipal Council moved the Government for the acquisition of a site for a municipal park; and

(*b*) the action taken so far?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: (*a*) On the 1st Vrischigom 1120.

(*b*) The Municipality has applied for a loan for the acquisition of site for the park. The matter is under investigation.

Retirement of Officers.

185. ❊ MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any idea about reducing the age of retirement from 58 to 55; and

(*b*) if so, from which date that change will be put into effect?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether in view to the large number of soldiers and other men retiring from the army, the Government will be pleased to reduce the age of retirement from 58 to 55?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: That is a matter for future action, Sir.

Newspapers or periodicals.

186. ❊ MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of persons who have applied for licences for newspapers or periodicals during the last two years and dates of their applications;

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